

CALEDONIAN

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EDINBURGH,

On FRIDAY the 7th January next, there will be
A BALL AT MUSSLEBURGH,
FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE POOR.

To begin at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

Tickets to be had of Robert Smith, price a s. 6 d. each.

A PAIR OF BAY CARRIAGE HORSES
to be SOLD. They are just come out of the country, and are to be seen at Smith's Livery Stables, under the Bridge. For particulars apply to Mr Smith. If not sold before the end of the week, they will be sent again into the country.

FINE SWEDISH TEAS.

TO be SOLD by Auction at the Warehouses of William Sibbald and Co, Leith, a cargo of GOTTERNBURGH TEAS, chiefly of the best Congo; with a proportion of the finest Green and Bohea, in whole, half, and quarter Boxes, to be put up in such lots as meet the general approbation of intended purchasers. The sale to begin on Thursday the 13th January at 12 o'clock noon, and at the same hour the following days till all is sold off.

The Tea may be viewed the day before the sale at the Warehouse mentioned.

FRUITS.

JUST now imported, in the George, Captain Brown, from Bordeaux in France, and to be Sold by JOHN THOMSON and COMPANY, Leith.

St Katharine's Prunes, in boxes and half-boxes.

Prunes in Casks.

Bon Croin Pears.

Best Brown Rennets.

Chestnuts and Walnuts in bags.

Preserved Fruits in small boxes, and boxes, to accommodate private families.

N. B. J. THOMSON and Co. have also for sale, lately arrived from Malaga,

Muscatel Raisins in boxes.

Bloom Raisins in jars and boxes.

Lelia Raisins in baskets.

Figs in casks and baskets.

Wine Grapes in jars.

CHARLES CRAWFORD,

(Son of the late MAURICE CRAWFORD.)

Copper Smith and Brazier, opposite Cheffell's Buildings, head of Canongate.

RETURNS his best thanks to his Customers, and the Public, for past favours, and has now got, in addition to his former stock, a neat and elegant assortment of Carron Plates of the most approved patterns, Steel-mounted, or with cast bars, Steel Penders and Fire Irons, &c.; Pots round and oval, Fish Kettles, Goblets, Stew-pans, Kettles, Tea Boilers, with every article of that manufacture.

Being employed by the Carron Company in tinning their wares, the Public may depend on being served with goods equal, if not superior to any of their kind; and Gentlemen possessed of Copper Utensils may dispose of them in exchange to the best advantage.

Likewise, is neatly affisted with Copper Pots, Goblets, Stew-pans, Tea-kettles, Fish Dishes, Coal-buckets and Skuttles, Coffe-pots, &c.; Brass and Prince's Metal Candlesticks of newest patterns, Japanned Waiters, Bread Dishes, and Bed-room Candlesticks; with a variety of articles too numerous to insert, which, he flatters himself, will meet with a share of the public favour.

SALE of JEWELS.

TO be SOLD by public roup (for payment of a debt), in the Council Chamber of Edinburgh, on Monday the 7th of January current, at one o'clock afternoon, by authority of the Magistrates,

A rose diamond hoop ring,

An emerald hoop ring,

A cluster ring, with an emerald in the center,

One ditto, with topaz and rubies,

A brooch, with emeralds and rubies,

Another, with emeralds, rubies, and topaz,

Seven cluster pieces, rubies and pearls,

A hair pin, top clustered with rubies and diamonds,

A pair cluster studs of the same,

A pair cluster ear-rings, top and drop, with a knot, rubies

and topaz,

A solitaire, rubies, topaz, and fire stones,

Another, with white stones,

A pair of bracelets, with ruby knots,

A stay-hook, white stones,

A pair set buckles, rule cut, double row,

A pair hauble ear-rings and necklace, red stones,

One loose white stone,

Ten hair pins, silvered.—And

An ewte, with diamond bush, filled, and two smelling boxes appended, and adorned with blood stones.

FIRST SHIP FOR NEW-YORK.

THE NANCY,

CAPTAIN STEVENSON,

Is now loading at Greenock, for New-York, will positively be clear to sail about the 20th January, full or not full, as a considerable part of the cargo is engaged on these terms.

The Nancy fails fast, and has excellent accommodation for cabin and steerage passengers. Apply to Johnston, Wilsons and Company. Greenwich, 29th December 1784.

AT LONDON,
THE LIVINGSTON,

ALEX. GORDON Master, Lying at Hawley's Wharf, taking in goods for Leith, Edinburgh, and all places adjacent, and will sail the 8th of January 1785.

The Master to be spoke with at the New-England Coffeehouse, Threadneedle-street, by the Royal Exchange, at Change hours, mornings and evenings on board the ship.

FOR CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA,

The Ship NORTH CAROLINA, NEIL MCNEELL Master;

AND For Wilmington, NORTH CAROLINA, The Brigantine PITTS,

JAMES HARVIE Master, Will be clear to receive goods on board at Greenock by the 10th, and to sail about the 25th proximo. They sail well, and have good accommodation for passengers.

Apply to Mr Robertson, Merchant Bank, Glasgow, or Flemings, McAlester and Company, Greenock. December 8. 1784.



Mercury

MONDAY, JANUARY 3. 1785.

Sale of Damaged Hemp and Codilla.

TO be SOLD, for account of the Underwriters, by public roup, at Grangemouth, on Friday the 7th January 1785, by twelve o'clock mid-day, a Parcel of DAMAGED HEMP and CODILLA. The quantity of hemp is about seven tons, and that of the Codilla about six tons.

For further particulars, apply to John Glen and Co. at Grangemouth, by whom the said goods will be shown any day before the sale.

BELFAST WHITE LINEN HALL.

WE the Committee for conducting the BELFAST WHITE LINEN HALL, do hereby respectfully inform the Gentlemen of the Linen Trade in Great Britain that the next Market for the Sale of Linens in our Hall, will commence on Monday the 24th of January next. From the large and general assortment of Linens, exhibited and sold at our last Market, and the almost universal determination of the Linen Drapers in the north of Ireland, to attend with their Linens at the ensuing Market, a very extensive supply of Linens of every denomination may now be certainly expected.

BELFAST, December 1. 1784.

(Signed) JOHN EWING WADDILL CUNNINGHAM.

JOHN CAMPBELL & CO. JOHN HOLMES.

ROBERT THOMSON. WILLIAM & JOHN BROWN.

NOTICE

To the CREDITORS of JOHN BURN, late Distiller at Cambus near Alloa.

ROBERT RAMSAY, writer in Alloa, trustee upon the sequestrated estate of the said John Burn, does hereby, in terms of the 31st clause of the Act of the 23d year of the reign of his present Majesty, entitled, "an Act for rendering the payment of creditors more equal and expeditions, in that part of Great Britain called Scotland," &c. require all the creditors of the bankrupt to lodge with him, their claims and vouchers or grounds of debt, with their oaths for proving the same, as directed by the said Act, between the 15th day of June next, being nine calendar months from the 15th September 1784, the date of the interlocutor awarding the sequestration; with certification to such creditors as shall neglect to comply with this requisition, that they will not be entitled to any share in the first distribution of the debtor's estate.

NOTICE

To the CREDITORS of PARTRIDGE and FUNFIELD.

THE Commissioners named and authorized in and by a commission of bankrupt, awarded and issued, and now in protection against Samuel Partridge, junior, and Samuel Funfield, late of Birmingham, in the county of Warwick, merchants, dealers, shapen, and carpenters, intend to meet on Tuesday the 25th of January current, in the Dog Inn, Speck-street, Birmingham, at three o'clock afternoon, in order to make a dividend of the estate and effects of the said bankrupts. Such of the Creditors of the said bankrupts as reside in Scotland, are therefore desired immediately to transmit their grounds or vouchers of debt, with their oaths on the verity thereof, to Mr James Murray, merchant in Birmingham, (the trustee chosen upon the sequestrated estate of the said bankrupts situated in Scotland) in order to be produced at said meeting. Mr Murray on receiving these grounds of debt, and oaths of verity, will acknowledge the receipt of the same, by letters to the several Creditors. And immediately after the 25th of this month, he will remit to those creditors who shall have sent him their grounds of debt, and oaths of verity, their several dividends of the funds which belonged to the bankrupts, that have been recovered in England and Scotland.

The oaths on the verity of these debts may be emitted before the Judge Ordinary or any Justice of Peace in the bounds where the creditors reside in, or are liable to the forms observed in Scotland. And each creditor to his oath, shall specify every fact he holds for his debt, whether on

Not to be repeated.

BY ADJOURNMENT.

Judicial SALE of the Estate of CATHLAW.

TO be SOLD, within the Parliament or New Session House of Edinburgh, upon Tuesday the 25th January 1785, between the hours of four and six afternoon,

The Lands and Estate of CATHLAW, lying within the parish of Torphichen, and shire of Linlithgow.

The proven yearly rent of these Lands is L. 161 19 0

And deducting the feu and teind-duty, minister's stipend, and schoolmaster's salary, which amount

2 6 10 4-12ths

There remains of free rent, L. 159 12 1 8-12ths

Which valued at 22 years purchase, being held of a subject superior, amounts to L. 351 7 0 8-12ths

Which is to be the up-price of these lands.

There is a commodious mansion-house upon the estate, with good offices, all in good repair.

The lands are mostly inclosed with thriving hedges, and stripes of planting. There are besides several other thriving plantations upon the estate.

The title-deeds, and articles and conditions of sale, may be seen in the hands of Mr John Callander, depute-clerk of Session; and further information will be got by applying to Francis and John Anderson, writers to the signet.

FOR THE CALEDONIAN MERCURY.

C R I T I Q U E

ON JOSEPH, A POEM, in 2 Vols, 12mo.

Translated from the French of M. BITAUBE.

THE Poem concludes with the ninth book; in the beginning of which Pharaoh entreats Joseph to bring his father and his family into Egypt, and promises to settle them in the land of Goshen. Joseph, with the warmest expressions of gratitude to the King, hastens to execute his orders, and makes the necessary preparations for the speedy and safe removal of those who were so dear to him, and whom he had long anxiously wished to see. Whilst his brethren are on their return to Canaan, he is represented as falling asleep, one day, on the bank of the river, whose source he had earnestly wished to explore. To gratify his laudable curiosity, the Genius of Egypt transports him, in a vision, through the aerial regions, to the interior parts of Ethiopia, where he beholds the origin of that celebrated stream. He is then conducted into the subterraneous regions, and made acquainted with the secret operations of nature, in forming the precious seeds of existence, and transmitting the principles of bodies to the surface of the earth. He is instructed, particularly, in the causes of the Nile's fertility; and repairs the fatigues of his toilsome journey by drinking of its parent spring. Having quitted these regions, he is carried through the ethereal expanse, and taught the uses of the clouds and vapours; how the sun exhales the humid element, and the treasures of the fields, which, exposed to his potent rays, draw heat and life from his fires, and fall again to the earth in fertile dews. Thence he bounds away beyond the clouds, and is informed how the heavenly bodies, balanced by their own

weight, perform their different motions. He reaches the greatest boundary of the universe, where a divine harmony, heard at a distance, strikes his ear; and the celestial light breaks, at the same time, upon his view. Ithuriel conveys him back to the region of the clouds; and there, at his request, strengthens his powers of vision, and enables him to discover his native dwelling, and Jacob and Selima drooping with sorrow, and bathed in tears. The agitation of his mind awakes him out of sleep, and puts an end to his vision.

The scene now changes to the village of Jacob, who receives the joyful tidings of Joseph being still alive, and prepares for his journey to Egypt. An angel is sent to remove his scruples to leave the promised land, the tombs of his fathers, and the altar of his God. He attends the angel to the top of a hill, and is favoured with such a vision of future events, relating to his posterity, as determines him to hesitate no longer to comply with the wishes of Joseph. The book concludes with Jacob's journey;—Joseph's meeting with him and Selima;—his presenting his father to Pharaoh;—the return of the waters of the Nile, and, along with them, of plenty;—the requick of Jacob, and Joseph's promise, respecting the place of his burial;—Simeon's confession of his crime to Jacob, and his forgiveness;—Joseph's song and nuptials;—and the settlement of his father and brethren in the fertile territory of Goshen, which is represented as that part of the kingdom which he had redeemed from the waters of the Nile, by deepening and confining its channels.

The last extract from this work shall be the song of Joseph, which is beautifully expressive of his pious gratitude, and composed in the language of the true sublime. "They repair to the nuptial bower, where a rural feast was prepared. Potiphar, Itobel, and the shepherds of the hamlet, are admitted. They are seated around a large table. In the middle were Joseph and Selima, adorned with garlands, and the old man, whose grey hairs were crowned with flowers. They all abandon themselves to joy; even Simeon forgets his remorse. During the festival, Selima presents Joseph with a lyre: It was that which he had formed to celebrate his nuptials, and which the shepherds had suspended on the boughs of the cypress. Deep silence reigns; then Joseph sings these words, which were often interrupted by his transports: "Long buried in the shades of death, and shut up, as it were, in the tomb, no long cheered my days; but, like the plaintive ghosts, I uttered sighs and groans. The opening flowers diffused their sweetest perfumes; but my voice was not heard in their praise: The morn arose, arrayed in all her moving charms, and I was insensible to their power: The flowers seemed to cover my cold ashes, and Aurora to enlighten my tomb.—But thou, O ETERNAL! thou hast dispelled the shades of death; thou recallst me to life; thou openest my lips, and give a lyre to my hand. Receive the first accents, Not to joy!—In vain did deserts and mountains to disappear. Before thee the tofts bow their haughty tops; the angry waves are still at thy voice; thou speakest, and the stars are turned from their courses; universal nature languishes, or revives, at thy command.—Torrents of joy! ye overwhelm my heart: I am surrounded with all that is dear to me; my eyes, wherever they turn, meet a father, a spouse, a brother, or a friend.—Solitary forest! where oft your airy forms have seemed to stray; it is no longer a delusion; I see before me Jacob, Selima, Benjamin, all my father's house!—Thou hut, consecrated to sorrow! thou art changed into my nuptial bower.—Ye leaves, which have been wet with my tears! now tremble with gladness.—And thou, my lyre, which were hung on the mournful cypress! sing now hymeneal songs: the cypress is changed into a myrtle: thy strings shall not celebrate, nor the pride of greatness, nor the pomp of the throne; but the virtues of Jacob, the charms of Selima, the sweets of fraternal affection, friendship, the flowers, the brooks, the groves, and every thing that shall henceforth conduce to my happiness!"

From the particular account I have given of this work, and the many and large extracts I have presented to your readers, it will readily be inferred, that I consider it as no ordinary performance.—I do not hesitate, indeed, to rank it amongst the first-rate performances in this species of writing; and I am hopeful, that this opinion will be supported by that of most readers possessed of genuine taste and candour. To all the beauties of just and picturesque description, the author has added the sentiments that interest and improve the heart.—His language is simple and elegant, flowing in the easy, and, at the same time, elevated style of unfeigned poetry. He has united the easy flow of Fenelon, with the tender and pathetic of Gesner; the grandeur of the ancient poets with the elegance and correctness of the modern.—And here I cannot omit paying my tribute of approbation to the anonymous translator, who appears to have possessed a thorough knowledge of both languages; and, which is of the greatest consequence in a work of this nature, to have entered intimately into the spirit of his author.

I am persuaded that the work will contribute to increase the justly deserved fame of the German poets, especially in this part of the world, where they are too little known. I hope that many of the scribblers of our own country, who pester the public, and insult the taste of the nation, with numberless romances, and novels, and sentimental

the most opposite in their nature are forced to bend to the purposes of omnipotent Love. For what utensils can be more opposite in their nature than Air Balloons and stone coffins?

" Lunardi is to take his flight as soon as this frost is dissolved. — Blanchard has most certainly gone, with all his aerial apparatus, to Dover, to wait for a favourable wind to carry him to Calais.

" The Prince of Wales is to give a magnificent entertainment on Saturday, being the first day of the new year, to the King and Queen, and his brothers and sisters. The Prince will sit at the head of the table, and, taking the lead in the conversation, exert himself to entertain his company, which will be very numerous. I have heard that Mr Fox is to dine with them, and I have heard that report contradicted; so that it is hard to say where the truth lies. The part the Prince has to act on Saturday will certainly put his good sense and address to severe trial. It will not be an easy matter for the heir apparent to lead on the conversation, and give the roasts on that occasion. As, however, good manners depend much on good humour, there is every reason to believe that the Prince will acquit himself with the greatest propriety.

" Speaking of the R-I-F—ly, I may mention an anecdote or two of the Princes F. and W. which I have from a gentleman just returned to this place from Germany. The Bishop of O—gh assimilates entirely to the gravity of German manners, keeps a good table, is very affable and hospitable, and of course exceedingly popular.—Prince W. is a gay, sportive, good-humoured youth, and, without the least trace of gravity, is very much liked even in Germany. He plays some innocent little tricks now and then; such as pullings Jews by the beard, and likes to have a laugh at the German Dukes, who, he alledges, mix great prudence with great drinking. He told, at his brother's table, that he had known six German Dukes or Counts, who used to drink hard together, and who placed sentinels on themselves, with orders to keep them from rioting."

On 26th last month, the Lady of David Murray, Esq; member of Parliament for the county of Peebles, was delivered of a still-born child, at his house in Somerset-street, Portman-square.

On Saturday last died here, Mr James Grant, merchant,—His exemplary worth, and respectability of character, make him universally regretted.

This day, Captain Robertson received, for the use of the prisoners in the Tolbooth, five tons of coals, being the annual donation of a charitable disposed gentleman, possessed of very extensive coalworks in the neighbourhood of this city. Also, one guinea in money, from a benevolent person unknown. These well-timed charities, at a season so inclement as the present, must prove highly beneficial to the unhappy prisoners; and, we hope, will stimulate others, whether in opulence, or easy circumstances, to imitate such laudable examples of disinterested charity.

We learn from Stornoway, that vast quantities of herrings are set into Loch Roche, but that there are no fishing vessels on the coast.

On Wednesday evening a boat with stores, for a ship building at Bo'ness, owing to some accident, overset near Queensferry, by which five men unfortunately perished. Two of them belonged to the Royal Charlotte excise cutter, Captain Aire. The boat has since come ashore, and, what is very surprising, the oars, a barrel of herrings, and the people's hats were found on board.

The arrivals at Leith, since January 1784, to this date, inclusive, are 1762 decked vessels. A greater number has occurred formerly, but no person in trade at that port remembers so many large ships in the harbour, as has been the case during the last year.

The Raith Greenland ship (formerly the Martin sloop of war), Donald Denoon master, arrived in Leith Roads from London on Thursday, and has since run up to St Margaret's Hope, where she will remain for shelter till spring tides and fair weather.

Extract of a letter from Greenock, Dec. 27.
" The present frost is severely felt by the poor in this place; carts of coals weighing about twelve cwt. sold at 13s. to 13s. 6d. There are some vessels loaded from Irvine and Saltcoats, but these coals are subjected to the coal duty of 5s. the chaldier. It is a pity the legality of charging this duty in the River Clyde has not been settled, but it certainly ought not to be charged at any place below the bridge of Glasgow to Camberton and the Point of Corfall."

To the Printer of the Caledonian Mercury.

SIR,

THE object of a Legislator is to enforce that obligation which nature has imposed upon man, *to do as he would be done by*. If the application of a law, in place of correcting, has a manifest tendency to corrupt the moral principle, the great end which the Legislator had in view, is so far frustrated. As a judicious parent would allow a fault which he could not bring sufficiently home against his child, to pass with impunity, rather than appeal to his own evidence, and perhaps tempt him to deny, from the fear of punishment, what his own ingenuous disposition would otherwise incline him to reveal; so in many cases, our Judges, as men knowing the weakness of human nature, ought, rather than assume inquisitorial powers, and extort evidence by judicial examination, or oath of party, I say they ought rather to allow the offence to pass unnoticed: For many a worthy man, in the ardour of no unworthy passion, may be guilty of what infers penal consequences, and yet notwithstanding may be a man of unblemished character, a virtuous citizen, a good husband, an affectionate parent, and a constant friend. Certainly it will be allowed, that a man may kill a hare or a partridge, and, though not a qualified person, he may neither be a potsher, nor a bad man. He may infringe the law for the security of game, and have all the good qualities I have mentioned above. If any person should be so unlucky as to disregard the game laws, at a period when they are so strictly interpreted, what is the consequence? Is a man secure if he should catch a hare in his kail-yard, and prepare it for his table, unknown to every individual except himself? No; he is not, if he is a man of ingenuity, and scorns whatever may be the consequence to disguise the truth: because, if the sentence I am going to mention is founded in law, and I cannot allow myself to think that those who pronounced it, men of education, and acting in the character of Justices, would deviate from the law, no man whatever, who may kill a hare accidentally, from that impulse which nature has implanted in the mind of every one to seize upon wild game, dictating, as it were, that it is the right of mankind at large; no man who dares to do so,

though it should be in the most remote and private corner, is, by that sentence, secure from heavy fines.

Every man of common understanding, upon hearing this doctrine, will certainly exclaim—how this can be? The offender will not be fool enough to inform against himself; and we cannot conceive that the Justices, or persons interested in protecting the game, are favoured from above, and know, by inspiration, when a man is guilty of what they esteem such a great offence. This sentence, however, will tell them that, now-a-days, the law, in some instances, counteracts this principle, that no person can be forced to accuse himself of what is penal. For by it, it is found that, upon a libel setting forth in general that a poor man had been in the practice of hunting and killing game, without mentioning day or place; but only in particular, that there had been seen lying before his door bare feet; upon this irrelevant libel, it was found competent to proceed to the trial of the pannal.—In this trial, the Justices did not think it sufficient only to examine the poor man by a judicial examination. They took a bolder step. They referred the libel to his oath, and ordered him to swear. Thus they tell the county at large, that upon any surmise they shall have it in their power to extort an oath from any individual, and perhaps convict him of an offence only known to himself. If he is not so ingenuous as to tell the truth, and if we suppose that the protectors of game wish to have revenge, they, without doubt, obtain it in the most ample manner: By their means his happiness is ruined; a thorn is implanted in his breast, never to be eradicated.

How a guardian of the game can justify himself in robbing a poor man of his tranquillity, by involving him in expences upon such frivolous complaints, perhaps in falsehoods, I know not. God forgive the person that would wish to do so! And as it is a prayer worthy the rich, as well as the poor, "Lead us not into temptation," the highest potentate, as he ought to do to others as he would others do to him, is guilty of a breach of this moral precept, when from caprice, or from a motive that has no tendency to render society more happy, he is the means of tempting an individual from the onward path of virtue.

To the Printer of the Caledonian Mercury.

SIR,

THE Business of Reform now going on among the Burghs in Scotland is of great importance not only in restoring the Burghs to their ancient right and privilege of electing their own Magistrates, and Representative in Parliament, which their forefathers enjoyed; but will also be of real utility in the expenditure of the public money, which is computed among all the Burghs to amount to above 140,000 l. Sterling.

To what valuable purposes might this money be applied, in improving the police of each burgh, and providing for the poor of their own district? each Burgh to have a workhouse for vagrants, who at present are going about the country in numbers,—a pest to society.

In every charter given by King James VI. to the Burghs, it expressly granted to the Magistrates, Town-Council, and Community of the Burgh. No words can be plainer. That the Community have an equal right to the town's revenue, as the Magistrates and Council have.

Yet, notwithstanding thereof, the present mode of the Town Councils has brought on so much arbitrary power, that, in short, the magisterial party are become hardened, and look upon themselves as Lords of the manor; though, in fact, they are no other than trustees for the community, and accountable for all their intromissions.

They have indeed a form of making out their accounts annually, and lodge a docquet thereof in the Exchequer at Edinburgh, for which the clerk receives a fee to grant receipt of the same; and then all is over,—a mere farce.

Pray, how are these accounts instructed? In a very singular manner indeed. The Magisterial party, or unto that rule, names a committee of their own choice, all of them members of Council, to examine the accounts, which are done and passed in a very easy manner *. It is just the very same as allowing a man to be judge of his own cause; and accordingly he passes an interlocutor in his own favour. For, the very persons who commit the evil are the examiners of their own accompts.—Strange indeed! This would not be allowed to pass in the Court of King's Bench.

To remedy this gross evil, it is humbly suggested, That as each Burgh in Scotland consists chiefly of two bodies of men, viz. Guildry and Trades; that each of these bodies chuse three of their number annually in each burgh, persons no way connected with the Town-Council:—That these six gentlemen examine the accounts of expenditure of the public money, and sign their report at the foot of them. If they can say, to the best of their judgment, the money has been expended for the public good of the community, undoubtedly the accounts ought to pass. And unless the accompts of each burgh are annually certified in this manner, they ought not to pass in the Exchequer.

If this method, or some other similar to it, were adopted, it would be productive of good effects to the whole Burghs of Scotland.

A FRIEND TO REFORM.

* This does by no means apply to the city of Edinburgh, their accompts being audited by gentlemen not of the Council.

W A T C H L O S T.

THERE was LOST on Friday last, at two o'clock, between the George-inn at Briton-port, and the Theatre Royal, a SILVER WATCH, a chain and two seals, maker's name, Brown, London, No. 2189.

Whoever returns the said Watch to the Publisher of this paper will receive a suitable reward.

If offered to sale, it is entreated it may be stopped, and notice sent as above.

TO be SOLD, by public roup, in the Royal Exchange Coffee-house, on Monday the 24th of January next, at five o'clock afternoon,

A LODGING in the fir't turnpike and third storey of Craig's Close, consisting of five fire-rooms, a kitchen, and two bed-closets, both with fire-places on the principal storey. And in the back part of the lodging, a small bed-room and large garret, with accommodation for servants, besides a large cellar in the clothe.

This Lodging is situated immediately to the east of the Royal Exchange and fronts the High Street on the south, and from the north commands an agreeable and extensive view of the Pith. The Lodging is possessed by Mr Macleod advocate.

ALSO, another LODGING, likewise fronting the street, possessed by Mr Penfon of Soutra, being the fifth and sixth stories in the same stair, consisting of five rooms, two closets, one of which has a bed-closet, with a fire-place, besides a kitchen, pantry, larder, with a large cellar in the close. Both lodgings may be seen on Monday and Friday every week between the hours of one and three afternoon.

For further particulars, apply to James Sommers writer in Edinburgh.

ARRIVED AT LEITH, Jan. 3. Raith, Denoon, from London, with goods; Neptune, Waddell, from Leith Roads, in ballast; Ullock Rymer, from Danzig, with wheat.

SALE OF LANDS

IN THE COUNTIES OF WIGTON AND KIRKCUDBRIGHT.

I O be SOLD by voluntary roup, within the British Coffeehouse Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 26 day of February next, betwixt four and five, afternoon.

The following Lands in the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, viz.

PARCEL I. The Lands of GARIOCH, CRAIGLOUR, and BLACK-MARK, lying in the parish of Dalvey, at present let in lease for 5 years from Whitunday last at the rent of 100 l. Sterling.

II. The Lands of FINGLAND in the same parish, presently let for 18 years, to run from Whitunday last, at the rent of 70 l.

These two parcels hold blench of the Crown, and are valued in the cts books at 400 l. Scots.

III. The Lands of CORNILLARROW and CARLAE in the same parish, at present let in lease for 18 years from Whitunday last, at the rent of 45 l. Sterling. These lands hold blench of the Crown, and are valued in the cts books at 150 l.

A L S D.

To be SOLD by public roup upon Tuesday the 4th day of January next, within the house of James McComb, vintner in Wigton, at 4 o'clock afternoon.

The following Lands in the Shire of Wigton, viz.

PARCEL I. The Lands of ALTIERY in the parish of Mochnam, at present under lease; which expires at Whitunday 1786; at the rent of 45 l. Sterling. These lands hold blench of the Crown, and are valued at 93 l. Scots.

II. The Lands of CULMALZIE and KIPPIEBRYNE, in the parish of Kirkinner. The present rent which is 115 l. Sterling, by two leases, which expire in 1784 and 1786. These lands hold leas of the Crown for payment of 1 l. 4 s. 6 d. Sterling yearly, and are rated in the cts books at 153 l. 18 s. 8 d. Scots. They are completely enclosed and subdivided, and there are houses on the lands for two separate farms, in good order.

III. The Lands of AIRLIES, lying contiguous to Culmalzie, in the same parish, under lease to run for one and a half years, from Whitunday 1784 at the rent of 40 l. Sterling, holden leas of the Crown for payment of 11 s. 3 d. 8 d. 2 s. 8 d. Sterling yearly; and are rated at 76 l. 16 s. Scots.

The whole of the above lands are very improvable; Aikery lies adjacent to the Bay of Luce, where lime anf shells may be had at an early rate; Culmalzie and Kirriebryne lie near the burgh of Wigton and the harbour of Bladnoch, where lime and shells may also be easily had. There has been considerable advance of rent offered for these lands.

For further particular apply to Archibald Tod writer to the Signer, who will show the title-deeds, current leases, &c. and to whom any person inclining to make a private offer may apply. Copies of the rentals &c. are also lodged with William McCormick writer in Wigton.

BY ADJOURNMENT.

(At the Desire of Intending Offerers.)

I O be SOLD by public roup or auction, within the Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, on Friday the 21st day of January 1783, betwixt the hours of five and six afternoon.

LOT I. The Lands and Barony of Ravenston, now called CASTLESTEWART, and the eight-merk land of DOWALTOUN, lying in the parishes of Glascerton and Sorbie, and county of Wigton, consisting of 2640 acres or thereby, and paying 1950 l. Sterling of yearly rent, which rises during the currency of the present leases to above 1060 l. To be exposed at the reduced price of 24000 l. Sterling.

On this estate, which is all substantially enclosed and subdivided, there is a large commodious modern mansion-house, with suitable offices, all in good repair; also, fine Gardens, and an extensive Policy, laid out in the best taste, with a great deal of young planting very thriving. This estate is capable of great improvement, having plenty of marble upon it. It holds of the Crown, and affords no less than eight freehold qualifications on the old extent. The tythes are valued, and about 500 acres lying round the mansion-house, are presently out of lease.

If the said lands are not sold in cumulo, they will be exposed in the following PARCELS:

PARCEL 1. The eight-merk land of Lochtown, or Remstown, now called the Mains of Castle Stewart, with the house, offices, gardens, and Policy of Castle Stewart; the four-merk land of Greman, and four-merk land of Drumnae, lying in the parish of Glascerton, of about 470 l. 17 s. Sterling of yearly rent.

PARCEL 2. The eight-merk land of Dowaltoun, lying in the parish of Sorbie, and rented presently at 147 l. 16 s. 11 d. Sterling, and rises to 156 l. 5 s. 9 d. in 1783.

PARCEL 3. The four-merk land of Barmullen and Stanhouse Croft, Ravenston Mill and Coalside, lying in the said parish of Sorbie, presently rented at 107 l. 15 s. but rises at Whitunday 1784 to 112 l. 15 s.

PARCEL 4. The five-merk land of Culrig, lying in the said parish of Sorbie, presently rented at 107 l. 15 s. 9 d. Sterling.

PARCEL 5. The three-merk land of Culrea and Drumganes, and the lands of Wellerost, presently rented at 104 l. 11 s. 8 d. Sterling.

PARCEL 6. The four-merk land of Barleknow, lying in the said parish of Sorbie, and presently rented at 112 l. 3 s. 9 d.

There are three freehold qualifications on the 1st Parcel, and one on each of the other five Lots.

LOT II. The Lands and Barony of DUCHRAE, lying in the parish of Balmaghie, and stewartry of Kirkcudbright, consisting of 2430 acres, or thereby, and paying 40 l. Sterling of yearly rent, to be exposed at the reduced price of 9500 l. Sterling, either in cumulo, or in the following Parcels, viz.

PARCEL 1. The Mains of Duchrae, and Lands of Ullock, Meikle and Little Craigs, as presently possessed by Samuel and David McLellan, at the yearly rent of 135 l. 2 s. Sterling, at the upset price of 320 l.

PARCEL 2. Drumglas, Torncock, and Meikle and Little Duchrae, as previously possessed by James McConchy, at the yearly rent of 145 l. 10 s. Sterling, at 3440 l.

PARCEL 3. Urioch, Clonie, and Mill of Duchrae, as presently possessed by Andrew McMin, at the yearly rent of 108 l. 19 s. Sterling, at 2520 l.

And, lastly, Drumbreck, as presently possessed by William McKenzie, at the yearly rent of 20 l. 9 s. 10 d. Sterling, at 480 l.

The Barony of Duchrae holds of the Crown, and Lands rated in the cts books at 925 l. 6s. 8d. Scots.

It lies on the river Dee, by which, and a canal from the Lock of Carlingwork, mail of the best quality for improving the grounds is easily got at a cheap rate.

There is a wood on Parcel 2d. of this estate, which, at last cutting, 1768, sold for 400 l. Sterling; there is also another wood presently fit for cutting, worth about 100 l. Sterling.

The tenants pay all the public and parish burdens over and above their rents. The tythes are also valued and the purchaser will have a right to them.

LOT III. A HOUSE and GARDEN in the town of Wigton, as presently possessed by Mrs Isabel Stewart.

LOT IV. A HOUSE in the town of Whithorn, as presently possessed by Mrs Muir.

The title deeds, rentals, current leases, plans of the estates, and conditions of sale, are to be seen in the hands of John Hunter writer to the signet, to whom or to Alexander Farquharson accountant in Edinburgh, (who has

House and Ground at Hope Park.

To be SOLD by public roup, within John's Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, upon Friday 28th January instant, betwixt the hours of two and three afternoon,

That DWELLING-HOUSE and OFFICES, with the GARDENS and GROUND thereto belonging, consisting of near three Scots acres, lying on the south side of Hope Park, and entering by the third door east from the Cage.

These subjects are held feu for payment of 4 l. 2 s. 6 d. Sterling of feu-duty. The compositions for the entry of an heir and a singular successor, as both taxed, the first at 1 l. 10 s. 6 d. 8-12ths, and the last at double the feu-duty, and the superior is bound to relieve the vassal of all public burdens.

Apply to James Gray writer, Merchant-street.

Andrew Allan, next house eastward on the back road, will show the premises.

Sale of Subjects in Edinburgh and Prestonpans.

To be SOLD, by public roup, within the Royal Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, on Friday the 28th January 1785, betwixt the hours of five and seven afternoon,

That Large LODGING or DWELLING-HOUSE in the Advocate's Close, Luckenbooths, Edinburgh, which belonged to the deceased Lord Westhall, and presently possessed by Mr Elphinstone Balfour, consisting of dining-room, drawing-room, sitting-room, and six bed-rooms and closets, with a large kitchen, cellars, hen-house, and garden.

These subjects are insured in the Edinburgh Friendly Insurance, on the old plan, at 7000 l. Scots, and the premium paid up. They will either answer to be possessed in one or two lodgings; and if purchasers incline, will be exposed in two different lots.

ALSO, That Large LODGING or DWELLING-HOUSE lying at the east end of the town of Prestonpans, with coach-house, stables, malt-kiln, barn, other pigeon-house, and other offices complete, with small garden; all lately possessed by Lord Westhall. Also, a large Garden at the back thereof, consisting of upwards of four acres, with gardener's house, stable, byre, fruit-house, and a pigeon-house, as possessed by John Taylor tenant thereof; and likewise two inclosures containing about 8½ acres of land, lying to the south of the said garden.

The house consists of dining-room, drawing-room, parlour, six bed-rooms, closets, and a large kitchen, wainscoting, and cellars, all in good repair. It is not only most agreeable country lodgings, but the best situate of any in the neighbourhood for bathing quarters. The garden is inclosed and subdivided with stone walls. The house and offices will be exposed by themselves, or with the garden, or with both inclosures and garden, as purchasers incline.

The subjects at Prestonpans hold partly of the Crown, and partly of a subject superior, and will be shown by Mr George Warrock of the Customs at Prestonpans; to whom, or to George Martin or Thomas Smith writers, Argyle Square, Edinburgh, persons intending to purchase may apply.

SALT-PANS TO LET.

To be SET in tact for such a number of years as can be agreed upon, and entered to at Whitsunday 1785.

These two SALT-PANS at West-pans, lying in the parish of Inveresk; the House, Girmels, and others, presently possessed by James Anderson. There is an obligation upon the present tackman, to leave them in good repair, and the same are to be visited previous to his removal, and care will be taken to have that obligation fulfilled. These Pans are in the neighbourhood of coal, and can be supplied with wood at a reasonable rate, as some of the tenants are bound to lead it in the easiest manner.

For further particulars, apply to Cornelius Elliot, writer to the signet, who has power to let the same.

FARMS AND BREWERY TO LET.

To be LET, and entered into at the term of Whitsunday next 1785, for such a number of years as may be agreed upon,

The Farm of ROSEFARM, with the annexed Farm and Grazing of WHITBROOGH, both lying in the parish and shire of Cromarty. Rosefarm is sufficiently inclosed with stone dykes, and subdivided with ditch and hedge, and consists of about 200 acres arable ground; besides a great deal of pasture-grounds. It has a commodious set of offices, with a neat dwelling-house, and lies within two miles of the town and harbour of Cromarty, which gives it the command of manure and market. The Whitebogg lies about two miles west or south of Rosefarm, and consists of a very large and extensive tract of arable meadow and pasture grounds, with plantation and woods fit for summering and wintering great numbers of black cattle. A sufficient outer fence of stone is now building, which will be finished in course of next season.

AS ALSO, to be LET and entered into at Cawdor or Whitsunday next, as may be agreed upon, the BREWERY at Cromarty, with Malt-Barns and Granaries. This Brewery is a very complete one, it being built on the most modern and convenient construction; therefore business can be carried on with few servants. The well-known and frequented harbour of Cromarty gives an opportunity of extending the sales of shipping, and affords likewise an opportunity of exportation. The stock on hand, which may not be very great, will be sold by appreciation to any person who may offer for this brewery, and time given for the payment thereof, on finding good security.

Any person inclining to offer for the above Farms or Brewery may give in their proposals to Mr Ross the proprietor, at his house in Conduit Street, London, or to Walter Ross, his factor, at Croinart.

Sale of a Houle at the Chapel of Eale.

To be Sold

THE THIRD FLAT or STORY of that Tenement of Land lately built immediately to the south of the Chapel of Eale, consisting of five rooms, kitchen, and cellar, having a mutual right to a piece of back ground and water pump, all as presently possessed by William Smith, Esq.

The house is completely papered and painted in the gentlest manner. The drawing room is large and elegant, about 24 feet long, and a handsome dining room. The proprietor intends to dispose of it at a very moderate price, and, from the certainty which there now is of a South Bridge, the value of property in that quarter will rise very considerably.

The house to be seen Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, from eleven to two o'clock afternoon.

For further particulars apply to Richard Lake, writer to the signet.

HOUSES FOR SALE

In the Broad Wynd, Leith.

To be Sold by private Bargain. That TENEMENT of LAND on the North side of the Broad Wynd, Leith, lately built by the deceased Ebenezer Hanna, shipmaster in Leith, called HANNA'S LAND, consisting of three stories, with a large shop on the ground-floor, and a cellar under said shop.

Each flat of this tenement consists of two rooms and kitchen, with coal cellars, and other conveniences, all fitted up in the neatest manner; they set remarkably well, and are presently possessed by good tenants, at 25 l. 14 s. Sterling of yearly rent.

The progrès of rents, which is complete and clear, and the rental, are to be seen in the hands of Edward Bruce clerk to the signet, who will inform as to other particulars.

BY ADJOURNMENT.

SALE OF HOUSES IN EDINBURGH.

To be SOLD by public roup, within the Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, by Robert Donaldson writer to the signet, curator bonis to Robert Wilson, surgeon in Edinburgh, under the authority of the Court of Session, upon Wednesday 19th January 1785, at six o'clock afternoon, the following lot of the said Robert Wilson's subjects, viz.

The TENEMENT of HOUSES in Advocates Close, consisting of three flats, commonly called the Shakespeare printing-office, as presently possessed by William Darling printer and bookbinder, by task for ten years from Whitsunday 1776, at 20l. Sterling yearly, which, for the encouragement of purchasers, will be exposed at the upset price of two hundred pounds Sterling.

The articles of roup and progrès of rents are to be seen in the hands of Mr Donaldson at any time before the sale.

JUDICIAL SALE OF LANDS and COAL in the Shire of AYR, BY ADJOURNMENT.

To be SOLD within the Parliament or New Session House of Edinburgh, upon Thursday the 24th day of February next, betwixt the hours of four and six in the afternoon.

The following Lots of the Lands and Estate which belonged to Mess. ROBERT and WILLIAM ALEXANDERS, late Merchants in Edinburgh.

I. O T. I.

The lands of Blackhouse, Dalqueling, and Boghall, and teinds thereof, lying in the parish of Saint Quivox, and shire of Ayr, with some houses and yards at the Bridgend of Ayr.

The rent payable by the subtenants, besides paying the above rent to the proprietor, amount to no less than 388 l. 4s. 2d. 11-12ths. Sterling.—And the leases of some of the most considerable farms expire at Martinmas 1789.

The proven value of the lands, being partly held of the Crown, and partly of a subject superior is

L. 8096 11 6 9-12ths.

The coal in this estate is valued at

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L. 14,096 11 6 9-12ths.

This estate is situated in the immediate neighbourhood of the town of Ayr. The farms are well inclosed, and the houses in good condition. Regular books have been kept from which the produce of the coal, which is very considerable, may be seen by those intending to offer; and there is reason to believe, from its being so near to the port of Ayr and other circumstances, that the demand for home consumpt, as well as for exportation, will increase greatly.

I. O T. II.

The lands of Dupbold and Crofthead, lying in the parish and shire of Ayr.

These farms were formerly exposed together, but will now be exposed separately, at the following values, viz.

L. 1795 12 1 1-4ths

And the lands of Crofthead, rented at 25 l. at the sum of

L. 361 2 6 3-4ths

These prices are 23 years purchase of the rents, after deduction of public burdens, which are proportioned upon the two farms. These lands are held of the town of Ayr, for payment of a small feu-duty.

I. O T. III.

The lands and barony of Underwood, lying in the parishes of Stair and Craigie, and shire of Ayr.

The proven rental thereof is

L. 199 2 7 9-12ths

And being held of a subject superior, the proven value thereof, at 23 years purchase, is

L. 4580 0 10 3-12ths

It consists of the following farms:

1. Underwood Mains, containing 222 Scots acres, presently rented at 100 l.

2. Wardnack and Auldsdale, consisting of 224 Scots acres, and formerly rented at 35 l.; but as the tack expired at Martinmas last, this farm may now be set at a very considerable advance of rent.

3. Fowtown, containing about 88 Scots acres, and paying at present 35 l.

4. Hoggall, containing 92 Scots acres, and paying at present 20 l.

5. Underhill and Dixton, containing 51 Scots acres, and paying at present 24 l.

All these farms are very improvable; and this estate will now be exposed either in one or more lots, as shall be most convenient for purchasers.

The articles of sale, plans of the several lands and progress, may be seen in the office of Mr Stevenson, depute-clerk of Session; and further information will be got by applying to James Pipe, factor on the estate, and manager of the coal.

SALE of LANDS in the County of FIFE.

To be SOLD by public roup and sale, within John's Coffeehouse of Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 23d of February next, betwixt the hours of five and six afternoon.

The Lands and Estate of LATHOCKER, comprehending the mill and mill-lands thereof, the lands of Eastron Morton, Hillesden, and Confable Cook, with the superiority of the lands of Wefer Morton, all lying contiguous in the parish of Cameron, regality of St Andrew's, and shire of Fife.

This Estate consists of about 250 Scots acres, mostly arable, and capable of great improvement. The greatest part of it is at present let upon leases for seven years, three of which will be run in the month of June next, when a breach is competent to the proprietors. The rent payable for the coal is 100l. certain, or one-sixth of the gross produce in the proprietor's option. The one-sixth for the last seven months amounts to 83 l. 13s. 11d. Sterling, and the rent of the coal is not included in the above rental.

There is a manion-house upon the estate, with a garden and well-flocked pigeon-house adjoining, and considerable plantations of fine timber about the house and other parts of the estate.

The whole estate holds of the Crown as coming in place of the Archbishop of St Andrew's, and is rated in the cens-books of the county at 47 l. 6s. 8d. Scots.

As there is such plenty of coal and lime upon these lands, it is well known that they are capable of much improvement, as the soil is exceedingly good. They lie between three and four miles of the towns of St Andrew's and Cupar.

For the encouragement of offerers, the upset price will be only 6500l.

The title-deeds, conditions of sale, rental, and plan of the estate, are to be seen in the hands of Francis and John Andersons, writers to the signet, to whom, or to Mr John Hay accountant in Edinburgh, any person wishing to be informed of further particulars may apply.

SALE of COAL, COAL-WORKS, &c.

To be SOLD by public roup, within the Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, on Monday the 31st day of January, 1785, betwixt the hours of five and six afternoon.

The COAL and COAL-WORKS of HALBARTH, with the grieve's house, salt-pans, coal-folds, and other subjects at Halbath and Inverkeithing, belonging to or held in lease by the proprietors of Halbath colliery,

In the year 1779, a purchase was made of the property of the splint coal, and of the whole other seams of coal, lying within the lands of Halbath or Westerhalb, about two miles east of Dunfermline, and four miles north of Inverkeithing, and since a lease has been taken of some very valuable seams of coal lying contiguous thereto.

The lands of Halbath are in extent about 300 acres, and contain an inexhaustible fund of coal. There are from eleven to fourteen known seams lying so conveniently in point of level, as to render the working of them to advantage altogether certain.

The coal is of a quality inferior to none shipped from the Frith of Forth; and the splint coal, in particular, for warmth and cleanliness, is thought preferable to most coals in Scotland, for family use, and is much superior to any for light houses.

There is a complete well-finishing wagon-road from the coal-works to Inverkeithing, upon which the coal can be carried to the harbour at a very moderate expence.

Inverkeithing Bay is known to be the safest in the Frith of Forth, and the harbour of Inverkeithing has lately been put into very great repair.

The works are now in great order, completely ready for carrying on an extensive trade.

The title-deeds and articles of roup may be seen in the hands of Hugh Corrie writer to the signet; to whom, or to Walter Hog accountant in Edinburgh, persons wanting further information may apply.

SALE OF LANDS IN FIFE.

TO BE SOLD.

The Town and Lands of COLLITHIE, lying in the parish of Moonzie, and thirte of Fife, within three miles of the town of Cupar, being a large extensive farm, all in the possession of one tenant, holding of the Crown, and has a freehold qualification.

The present rent is 100 l. Sterling of money, 40 bolls bear, 20 bolls oats.—The title-deeds, which are very complete, are to be seen in the hands of John Robertson writer in Edinburgh, who has powers to conclude a private bargain. A part of the price may remain in the purchaser's hands.

BY ADJOURNMENT.

Judicial Sale of Lands in Ayrshire.

To be exposed to public roup, under authority of the Court of Session, within the Parliament-house, Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 24th day of February 1785, betwixt five and six afternoon.

The LANDS and ESTATE of PINMORE and others, lying in the parishes of Colmonel, Barr, and Girvan respectively, and county of Ayr, in lots, as under, viz.

Lot I. Containing the Mansion-house of Pinmore, Gardens, &c, and also, the farms of Mains of Pinmore, Lagganfarroch, Illeland, Woodhouse Park, Pinelund, and Mill of Carwin, Merkland, Holm Afle, and Lamduchty; the proven free rent whereof, after deduction of the valued teind, is 224 l. 7s. 6-12ths.—To be exposed at the reduced upset price of 4800l.

The lands in this lot are highly improvable, and of great extent.—The mansion-house is tolerably good, and there is an excellent kitchen garden.—No place can be better situated for country amusements of every kind.—There is wood upon this lot ready for cutting, to the value of about 200 l. Sterling.—The lands in this lot may afford three freehold qualifications upon old extent.

Lot II. The lands of Corseclays and Drummore; the proven free rent whereof, after deduction of the valued teind, is 73 l. 10s. 10d. 6-12ths.—To be exposed at the upset price of 1761 l. 10s. 9d.

These lands consist of about 300 acres, all inclosed and sub-divided.—They are at present fit for grazing only, and would rise greatly were a liberty of ploughing given.—Drummore is retoured to a forty shilling, and Corseclays to a two-merk land, of old extent.—There is a great appearance of coal in the lands, to ascertain which, there are at present trials making, the success of which will be communicated to persons intending to purchase.

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